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## Daily Overview

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

*October 22, Reuters* — **Electrical towers may be targets. Environmental extremists could be involved in the attempted sabotage of two giant electricity transmission towers on Monday, October 20**, the head of a California police department said Tuesday, October 21. Officials said **a man fled after he was discovered late Monday afternoon apparently removing nuts and bolts at the base of a transmission tower near Anderson in northern California. About two hours earlier near Klamath Falls, OR, about 150 miles north of Anderson, someone was discovered tampering with the base of another transmission tower**, police and utility sources said. "I think it is more than just a coincidence. It certainly has the overtones of some sort of domestic terrorist activity," Anderson Chief of Police Neil Purcell Jr. said, adding he had turned the investigation over to the FBI. The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a federal agency, is owner of the transmission tower, part of a 115-kilovolt power line that carries electricity from two nearby hydropower dams. WAPA spokesperson LaVerne Kyriss said the agency had repaired the tower and considered the incident was "very serious."

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A62882-2003Oct 22.html>

2. *October 22, Akron Beacon Journal* — **NRC saw acid leaks in 2000. A government inspector knew in 2000 about serious boric acid leaks at FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse nuclear power plant, about two years before the problems became public, but did not call for repairs, a new report investigating the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shows.** At least one of two NRC inspectors at Davis-Besse received a report in 2000 that included color photographs showing thick, lavalike boric acid corrosion on top of the reactor but didn't pass the information along to higher-ups, the report shows. The report, released Tuesday, October 21, by the NRC's Office of the Inspector General, confirms that others in the NRC also bungled numerous opportunities to determine the seriousness of leaking boric acid-laced coolant. **The report's findings said the NRC managers failed to communicate effectively about boric acid leaks and corrosion at Davis-Besse, that they failed to act on years of reports and inspections showing the seriousness of boric acid corrosion throughout the industry, and that NRC plant inspectors failed to relay information to their managers.** The plant, in Oak Harbor along the Lake Erie shore, is about 25 miles east of Toledo, OH.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/7073056.htm>

3. *October 22, Tucson Citizen (AZ)* — **Pipeline leak contaminates groundwater. Officials in Tucson, AZ, plan to begin testing the city's drinking water today after learning on Tuesday, October 21, that gasoline from a ruptured pipeline contaminated groundwater on the West Side.** The revelation of water contamination some 150 feet underground has state and local officials wondering whether the July 30 spill was much larger than reported or whether they are seeing the results of long-term leakage from the Kinder Morgan pipeline. Tucson Water Director David Modeer said testing at monitoring stations downstream from the break should reveal the answer. **After learning of the groundwater contamination, the Pima County (AZ) Board of Supervisors approved a measure Tuesday notifying Kinder Morgan that its pipeline will have to be moved away from populated areas when its franchise agreement expires in 2014.** And the replacement of the aging pipeline running through Pima County will have to be done outside the pavement on Ajo Way and be conducted with increased oversight from a national pipeline safety expert, along with other conditions to address public safety.

Source: [http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/index.php?page=local&story\\_id=1](http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/index.php?page=local&story_id=1)

4. *October 21, The White House* — **Energy security initiative.** President Bush and the other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders endorsed on Tuesday, October 21, an action plan to enhance energy security in the Asia-Pacific region. **APEC leaders launched a U.S.-driven initiative to enhance the region's energy security by committing to, among other items, (1) expanding the trade of natural gas, particularly liquefied natural gas (LNG), by creating an on-line Gas Market Data System and sharing of best practices, and (2) strengthening energy emergency response planning and establish a real-time information sharing and coordination system.** Leaders also committed to the continued development of strategic oil stocks and other response mechanisms. APEC members account for 62 percent of the world's natural gas production, 56 percent of its consumption, and 56 percent of its exports. The Asia-Pacific is the heart of the global LNG market, with half of the world's exports and 70 percent of imports.

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031021-3.html>

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## **Chemical Sector**

5. *October 22, Congress Daily* — **Senators reach deal on chemical security measure.** Environment and Public Works Chairman James Inhofe, R-OK, and Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-RI, have agreed to settle their differences over the scope of Inhofe's chemical security bill, clearing the way for the committee to mark up the bill Thursday, panel aides said. Because of concerns with the strength of the bill, Chafee had sided with Democrats in seeking stronger controls on chemical plant security, essentially stalling the bill in committee. **Opponents to Inhofe's proposal, including Chafee, had complained that the bill did not include adequate controls on chemical plant security plans, as well as having no language requiring companies to use safer technology when it is available. In response to those concerns, Inhofe agreed to require facilities to provide the Department of Homeland Security with a copy of their security plans, and directs them to conduct technology studies to determine if a safer alternative to existing processes exists.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/102103cdpm2.htm>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

6. *October 20, Federal Computer Week* — **SpecOps doles out optical tag contracts.** The U.S. Special Operations Command (SpecOps) announced the awarding of four research and development contracts worth \$57.8 million under the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) program for a dynamic optical tags system (DOTS). **The goal is to develop small, thin, long-lived optical retro-reflecting tags with a long-range system for activating them and transmitting data.** Each of the four companies received the contract's first phase, scheduled to run through March of 2005. Subsequent follow-on contracts can run through September 2007. Retro-reflecting devices bounce light beams back along the same

paths from which they came. **Unlike other traditional tags, the DARPA-developed optical units will not rely on radio frequencies but instead use automated scanning algorithms.** According the announcement, the optical tags fill a need for reliable covert communications and precision tagging in many situations.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/1020/web-dots-10-20-03.asp>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *October 22, Haaretz (Israel)* — **Company suspected of laundering money for organized crime.** The Israeli police's International Crime Squad uncovered a company a few months ago that allegedly served as a "bank" for international money laundering. **The company, run by Michael Kommisrok, transferred hundreds of millions of dollars from organized crime in former Soviet Union countries -- including groups that traded in sex slaves and weapons -- to bank accounts in Europe and the United States.** Kommisrok's staff used encoded software which substantially impeded investigators in cracking the case and leading them to rely on computer experts from special units. The company's front was the development and marketing of technological equipment. Police arrested Kommisrok a few months ago after the investigation became known and they realized that Kommisrok planned to flee to Cyprus.

Source: <http://www.haaretzdaily.com/hasen/spages/352306.html>

8. *October 21, Associated Press* — **Putting records online raises identity theft concerns in Vegas. A plan in Clark County, NV, to put public records on the Internet is raising privacy concerns from some employees who say they're worried about online identity theft.** A five million dollar computer system is being installed to make marriage records, real estate deeds, divorce decrees, military discharge documents and other records available beginning in May. The county says putting records on the Internet will be convenient for people who want to access them without going to the county recorder's office. But some say the personal information could be stolen by cyber swindlers or even terrorists.

Source: <http://www.krnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=1490839&nav=8fa0leIE>

9. *October 21, The Buffalo News (NY)* — **Embezzler gets two years. An Olean, NY, woman who admitted embezzling almost \$250,000 from a nursing school was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to repay the money,** the U.S. attorney's office announced Monday, October 20. Amy Schachter pleaded guilty in June to a felony count of embezzling federally guaranteed student loans. **Schachter was working in the financial aid office at St. Francis School for Practical Nursing when she applied for student loans in her name and those of others.** She falsely certified that the applicants were students. Between June 1998 and July 2002, she embezzled \$248,500 in student loans, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20031021/2023147.asp>

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## **Transportation Sector**

10. *October 22, USA TODAY* — **Investigators probe death of man restrained aboard flight. Federal investigators are trying to determine how a 25-year-old man died aboard an AeroMexico flight this month after passengers helped flight attendants restrain him.** Alexander Siess of Austria had been drinking heavily and disturbing passengers aboard the flight October 11 from Mexico City to Paris, federal officials said. He was pronounced dead in New York City after pilots made an emergency stop there. The New York medical examiner has not yet determined how Siess died. His death marks the second time in three years that a passenger has died aboard a flight over the USA after being subdued by other passengers. In 2000, a 19-year-old man who had tried to kick in the cockpit door on a Southwest Airlines flight suffocated when passengers restrained him. **Flight attendants say the incident highlights the need for better training to help them keep order during a flight. The need is particularly acute after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The attacks have prompted more passengers to intervene on flights, they say. Now, they're concerned about passengers overreacting and harming those who are disruptive.** Before determining the cause of death, the New York medical examiner is awaiting results of tests for drugs and alcohol in Siess' blood, and the results of a microscopic examination of tissue samples.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-10-21-death-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-10-21-death-usat_x.htm)
11. *October 22, Associated Press* — **Man detained after trying to carry knife, cutting tool on plane. A man who tried to board a plane in Erie, PA, on Tuesday, with a knife in his carry-on luggage and a box-cutter or razor in his shoe was detained in Pittsburgh, authorities said.** The man, who was not immediately identified, told an airport police officer the knife was in his bag because he was going on a diving trip in Florida. He said the tool in his shoe was likely planted by friends, said David Bagnoni, police chief at Erie International Airport. But **Bagnoni said he believed the man was likely trying to test security, much like a 20-year-old Maryland college student who recently acknowledged smuggling box cutters and other banned items onto planes.** The man detained Tuesday morning in Pittsburgh was on his way from Erie to Fort Myers, FL. He was being held on an unrelated parole or probation violation, said FBI spokesman Bill Crowley.  
Source: [http://kdka.com/local/local\\_story\\_295144711.html](http://kdka.com/local/local_story_295144711.html)
12. *October 22, Battle Creek Enquirer (Michigan)* — **Amtrak train derails. Amtrak Train 351, carrying about 100 passengers and crew members, derailed Tuesday morning in Battle Creek, MI.** About 100 yards east of where the railroad tracks cross Elm Street, the last two cars of the train sat askew, derailed and leaning slightly. "It looks like the train was going slow — about 9 mph or 10 mph — because there is some work being done on the tracks," said Battle Creek Police Cmdr. Jackie Hampton. "These trains can go as fast as 60 mph or so." Hampton said. **The two cars derailed shortly before 11 a.m. on the way to Chicago, and there were no injuries, mostly because the train was traveling so slowly.** Marc Magliari, a spokesman for Amtrak, said an investigation into the derailment is ongoing, and Amtrak is working with Canadian National to determine the cause. **Other derailments have been reported near Elm Street on the Canadian National tracks. Between 1995 and 1998, three freight trains derailed near the Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan offices.**  
Source: [http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/news/stories/20031022/loc\\_alnews/495576.html](http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/news/stories/20031022/loc_alnews/495576.html)



## Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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## Agriculture Sector

### 13. *October 22, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **Deer in Sauk County is positive for CWD.**

**Another domesticated whitetail in Wisconsin has tested positive for the so-called mad deer disease.** State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt says a two-year-old buck in Sauk County, in Bear Creek Township, died of digestive problems October 1, and later tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. The buck was one of only four deer on the farm. **The farm has been quarantined, which prohibits any live animals from being moved off the property.** The herd is enrolled in the CWD monitoring program. Agriculture officials are checking herd records to find out where the infected animal originated. **This is the 10th farm-raised animal in Wisconsin to test positive for CWD and the fourth farm where the disease has been found. Currently 13 herds are under quarantine:** four connected with on-farm CWD cases in Portage and Walworth counties; two that received animals from a herd in Minnesota later found to be infected; and seven that are within the Department of Natural Resources CWD eradication zone.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=1267 &yr=2003>

### 14. *October 22, USAgNet* — **Brazil state halts soybean trucks. Brazil's second largest soybean state of Parana has barred 400 trucks filled with soybeans from reaching a key port on its coast, in the latest twist in the country's battle over genetically modified (GM) foods.**

Despite a recent federal emergency decree that legalized the sale of GM soy, Parana state has declared itself a GM-free zone and is demanding that trucks transporting the beans carry certification their load has not been genetically altered. **The decision has created chaos on Parana's borders as truckers heading to Brazil's main grain port at Paranagua crowd up highway shoulders. A large portion of Brazil's massive center-west soy crop is shipped abroad through the port.** President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's government lifted a long-standing ban on GM soy in September, but Parana's State legislature passed a bill last week that will reinstate a local ban on GM soy until 2006. The Agriculture Ministry soon after amended the government decree allowing states to set up GM-free zones.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=1139&yr=2003>

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## Food Sector

### 15. *October 21, Food and Drug Administration* — **Keeping foods cold may be the key to reducing listeriosis. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Wednesday released the risk assessment on the relationship between foodborne listeriosis and human health.** This scientific analysis outlines clear measures industry, retailers, and consumers can take to dramatically reduce the risk of this food-borne pathogen. The FDA risk assessment shows that

controlling the growth of *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods is the key to preventing listeriosis, a serious infection in humans. **Two simple practices can reduce the risk of illness or outbreaks from the *Listeria monocytogenes* by more than 50 percent. One practice is to keep refrigerated foods stored at 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The other practice is to use perishable items that are precooked or ready-to-eat as soon as possible.** Similar reductions in the risk of listeriosis from the consumption of higher risk foods can also be achieved by reformulating products so that they no longer support the growth of the microorganism, a food safety strategy that some in industry have already undertaken. The initiative included 23 separate risk assessments and analysis of the relative risks of serious illness and death associated with consumption of 23 types of ready-to-eat foods.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2003/NEW00963.html>

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## **Water Sector**

### **16. *October 22, News Channel 5 (Cleveland)* — Fire breaks out at water treatment plant.**

Residents in Dennison and Uhrichsville, OH, are under a conserve water order for Wednesday and Thursday. **Early Wednesday morning, a fire broke out at the Twin City Water Treatment Plant, knocking the plant out of commission.** Two 20-foot pumps were destroyed. **There is only a two-day supply of water in the Twin City area. Emergency officials said there's a possibility that the water will run out.** "Hopefully, we can get the pump pulled," said Donnie Fawcett, sewer assistant superintendent. "We have a used pump. Hopefully, it still works. We can put it in there temporarily and get water pumping again." Clayton City Schools and Immaculate Conception Elementary are closed due to the water problem. Businesses such as car washes and laundromats have also closed in order to conserve water.

Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/news/2571802/detail.html>

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## **Public Health Sector**

### **17. *October 22, Straits Times* — Joint research into disease and bioterror. Singapore and the United States will set up a center in Singapore next year to combat health threats to the region. The Regional Emerging Diseases Intervention (Redi) Center will enable thousands of scientists, public health, and infectious disease experts from both countries to pool their resources to fight emerging diseases and counter bioterrorism.** Its first target will be Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The centre will start work immediately on developing a vaccine against it, and monitoring massive outbreaks of influenza and other diseases that could disrupt the entire Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its National Institutes of Health, as well as the Food and Drug Administration, will have major roles, as will Singapore hospitals and research institutes. The Redi Center will be set up at the upcoming Buona Vista research hub, Biopolis. When completed next year, Biopolis will have three high-safety laboratories that can handle infectious agents. **U.S. experts will be based at the Redi Center to train public health officials, researchers, and clinicians, and to beef up**

surveillance and rapid response to infectious diseases and health security threats.

Source: <http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/singapore/story/0.4386.2158.72.00.html>

18. *October 22, University of British Columbia* — **Researcher discovers "control room" that regulates immune responses.** People who suffer from autoimmune diseases like HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and arthritis, may soon be able to control their immune responses, thanks to a discovery by a researcher at the University of British Columbia (UBC). **Wilfred Jefferies, of UBC's Biotechnology Laboratory, has discovered the mechanics of a cellular pathway that triggers immune responses.** He and his team have also uncovered a specialized cell substructure that dictates exactly how the immune system will be activated. **"This discovery opens the door to the immune system control room,"** says Jefferies. **"We've found a mechanism that appears to act like a dial, it can turn immune system response up or down."** Jefferies believes that it will take about five years for scientists to use this information to create new therapies, such as medication or vaccines. The findings imply that treatment may be targeted by adjusting the "dial", says Jefferies. Immune responses may be increased to fight infection or reduced to help the body accept transplanted tissue or organs. **The research findings can be used immediately to test exactly how the immune system responds to a variety of pathogenic organisms, including bacteria and viruses.**

Source: [http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2003-10/uobc-urd10210.3.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-10/uobc-urd10210.3.php)

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## **Government Sector**

19. *October 22, Government Computer News* — **DHS team turns away 200 at borders.** The Department of Homeland Security, (DHS), denied entry this year to 200 foreigners who attempted to enter the country as students, undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security Asa Hutchinson said Wednesday, October 22. "We believe they posed a risk to America," he said. **Using the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, (SEVIS), which tracks foreign students, the directorate's response team rejected the applicants,** Hutchinson told attendees at a conference held by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In some cases, schools that the foreigners claimed they were attending had no record of them, and in others the students had been expelled. SEVIS has come under fire for system problems, with congressional hearings and a General Accounting Office report revealing malfunctions. Hutchinson said the directorate has worked with schools to correct the problems. About 800,000 individuals are recorded in SEVIS and the system processed entry by about 300,000 students for the academic year that began in September.

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/23949-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/23949-1.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *October 22, Global Security Newswire* — **Biopreparedness plans should include hoax response, official says.** Emergency response plans for biological incidents need to include planning for responding to hoaxes, a Washington, DC-area emergency response official



said Tuesday. Speaking yesterday at a Harvard University's Biosecurity 2003 conference in Arlington County, VA, Fire Chief Edward Plaughter said that false incidents have the potential to overwhelm emergency response systems. Following the 2001 anthrax attacks in the eastern United States, there were reports throughout the world of anthrax hoaxes, often involving a letter or package containing suspicious white powder. Plaughter said Tuesday that there is a need to include emergency responders in planning to respond to hoaxes, which can have the added benefit of helping to forge links with law enforcement officials that would be useful in responding to a real incident.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/102203gsn1.htm>

21. *October 22, The Kentucky Post* — **Official: Coordination key to security effort. The head of homeland security in Kentucky told a congressional panel Tuesday that better coordination between federal, state and local officials is needed if Americans are to be safe from terrorist attacks.** "As a nation, we can only be secure when every community in every county in every state is secure," said Ray Nelson, executive director of the Kentucky Office for Security Coordination. Nelson was one of four state officials from across the country who testified before the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. A bill sponsored by the committee chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-CA, would require that homeland security grants be awarded based on the level of threat to a particular region instead of assigning them evenly to each state or based on population, which is how the money is currently divided. Many homeland security grants come from other federal agencies, such as the Agriculture Department or the Department of Veterans Affairs, and go directly to first responders, often without the state's knowledge, Nelson said. The grant money should flow through the governor's office, Nelson said, so that state leaders will have a better idea of how much has been made available and where it's being spent.

Source: <http://www.kypost.com/2003/10/22/home102203.html>

22. *October 22, Associated Press* — **Toxic ricin found at U.S. postal facility. The FBI and postal authorities are investigating traces of the deadly toxin ricin found last week in a sealed envelope at a postal handling facility in Greenville, South Carolina, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said Wednesday.** "Based on the evidence obtained so far, we do not believe this is linked to terrorism but is related to threats criminal in nature," DHS spokesman Brian Roehrkasse told the Associated Press (AP). **The FBI and the DHS said the envelope contained a threatening note.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the presence of ricin Tuesday night, the agencies said. Roehrkasse said markings on the letter "seemed suspicious." Officials said there were no reports of illness and there was not a high probability of a public health threat. **The AP reported that British authorities earlier this year arrested members of what it called "an Algerian extremist group" who were charged with a conspiracy to terrorize London by using ricin to kill a small number of victims.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/10/22/ricin.letter/index.html>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

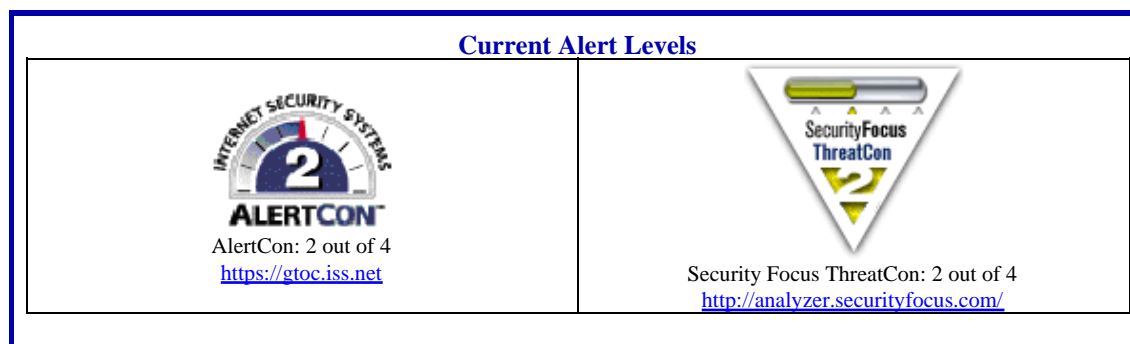
23.

*October 20, vnunet.com* — **UK builds up alert network.** Because of the increase in online attacks, the UK government is pushing for the development of a country-wide network of inter-connected advisory units, called Warning, Advice & Reporting Points (Warps). Each Warp will be made up of groupings of organizations with a shared interest. A pilot project for London boroughs, London Connections Warp (LCWarp) will be rolled out to local authorities nationwide in April 2004. Mark Brett, LCWarp program manager, said the Warp scheme meant alerts were likely to be taken more seriously. He added that early tests showed managers often responded to Warp advisories even though they had ignored previous warnings on the same matters from their own staff. **Linked to international warning bodies, including CERT, the Warp units will provide threat assessments and statistical data, and will identify trends and new vulnerabilities in an effort to stop attacks spreading.** Each unit's staff will be familiar with the needs of the community it serves, to ensure only relevant warnings are passed on to members. **Warps could serve large individual organizations with many branches and customers, or focus on geographical areas, trade groups, or specific sectors, such as online banking customers.**

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/News/1144793>

24. *October 20, Federal Computer Week* — **Executives warn that groups must work together to protect infrastructures. The leaders responsible for the nation's critical infrastructures must create rules for working together in the event of a crisis,** according to a presidential advisory group. **Those rules will be the first step in avoiding a calamitous domino-like crash of succeeding infrastructures if there is a unified attack,** the group said. The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC), made up of 30 high-level executives from the private sector, is developing recommendations for President Bush and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). **The group will make a wide range of recommendations, covering everything from how to disclose software vulnerabilities to where government regulation can enhance security.** The council includes representatives from every sector, but the group called on expertise from organizations at DHS, the FBI, national labs and several sector-specific organizations, such as the National Energy Resource Council and the financial services' Banking Industry Technology Secretariat, a technology consortium of the nation's largest banks, to develop the recommendations. **The goal of NIAC's recommendations is to alleviate the risks of any disruptions in infrastructures, which include everything from power companies to telecommunications networks.** The proposed recommendations are available online: [http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/NIAC\\_WG\\_Rec\\_Briefin\\_g.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/NIAC_WG_Rec_Briefin_g.pdf)  
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/1020/pol-cyber-10-20-03.asp>

### Internet Alert Dashboard



### Current Virus and Port Attacks

<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_NACHLA</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	135 (epmap), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 80 (www), 17300 (Kuang2TheVirus), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 27374 (SubSeven) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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## General Sector

Nothing to report.

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